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The Martha McCain Faculty Fellowship Program 2026-2027

The Queer and Trans Research Lab (QTRL) is pleased to invite applications for the Martha McCain Research Fellowship Program. This fellowship program provides one Twelve-Month Faculty Research Fellowship, with replacement funds to the Fellow's home unit, allowing for a full year of course release for the successful candidate. In addition, the fellow is provided with a \$5000.00 research budget and a Graduate Student Research Assistant. For the 2026-27 academic year there will only be one fellowship offered.

The QTRL was launched in fall 2021, establishing a cross-campus, multi-faculty, and interdisciplinary humanities-, arts-, and social science-based research lab housed at The Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science. This exciting initiative bridges methodological practices in LGBTQ2S+ and sexuality studies across the disciplines as well as across creative and scholarly research practices. It gathers researchers, students, artists, community leaders, and activists whose work attends to entrenched and emerging social and political problems affecting LGBTQ2S+ and BIPOC lives and communities.

Central to the mission of the QTRL, the Faculty Research Fellow will be chosen for their distinction in achievements relative to their career stage as well as the excellence of their proposed project and its relation to LGBTQ2S+ and QTBIPOC research initiatives across the disciplines. Research Fellows will participate in QTRL activities, carry out their own research and creative agendas, and work with others in the QTRL cohort on the development of collaborative research and community engagement projects.

Each applicant must provide the following:

1. An updated CV
2. A 1-page description of their research project
3. A letter from their unit Chair or Director supporting the fellowship application
4. The names of three references and their contact information.

Please visit <https://sds.utoronto.ca/queer-and-trans-research-lab-faculty-fellowships/> for more information about this exciting opportunity. Completed applications should be emailed to qtrl.sds@utoronto.ca by **February 2nd, 2026**, for full consideration.

